

UAB School of Optometry 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

FALL							
BEGIN DATE	END DATE	DAY(S)	EVENT	1Y	2Y	3Y	4Y
August 4	August 8	Mon - Fri	Orientation for Incoming First Years	X			
August 11		Mon	Fall Classes and Clinics Begin	X	X	X	X
August 23		Sat	Super Saturday				
September 1		Mon	Labor Day Holiday	X	X	X	X
September 14		Sun	50% Tuition Payment Due	X	X	X	X
October 3	October 5	Fri - Sun	Alabama Optometric Association Convention*				
October 8	October 11	Wed - Sat	AAO Meeting* - Boston, MA				
October 6	October 7	Mon-Tue	Fall Mini-Break (First Year)	X			
October 12		Sun	Remaining Tuition Balance Due	X	X	X	X
October 13	October 14	Mon - Tue	Fall Mini-Break (Second - Fourth Years)		X	X	X
November 26	November 28	Wed - Fri	Thanksgiving Holiday	X	X	X	X
December 1	December 5	Mon - Fri	Gift of Sight - Western Health Center				
December 2 or 4		Tues or Thu	NBEO Part II PAM Exam (Fourth Year)				X
December 5		Fri	Last Day of Fall Classes and Clinics	X	X	X	X
December 5		Fri	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations	X	X	X	X
December 8	December 12	Mon - Fri	Fall Final Exam Week	X	X	X	
December 12		Fri	Final Grades Due by Noon	X	X	X	X
December 15, 2025	January 2, 2026		Term Break - Winter Holidays	X	X	X	X

SPRING							
BEGIN DATE	END DATE	DAY(S)	EVENT	1Y	2Y	3Y	4Y
January 5, 2026		Mon	Spring Classes and Clinics Begin	X	X	X	X
January 19		Mon	Martin Luther King Holiday - UABSO Closed	X	X	X	X
TBD			50% Tuition Payment Due	X	X	X	X
February 21		Sat	Ophthalmic Lasers Course			X	
February 25	March 1	Wed - Sun	SECO Meeting* - Atlanta, GA				
TBD			Remaining Tuition Balance Due	X	X	X	X
TBD			NBEO Part I ABS Exam Break (Third Year)			X	
March 16, 17, 18, or 19		M, Tu, W, or Th	NBEO Part I ABS Exam (Third Year)			X	
TBD			Clinic Orientation (First Year)	X			
TBD			Spring Visit for Entering Class				
March 9	March 13	Mon - Fri	Spring Break (First Year)	X			
March 16		Mon	White Coat Ceremony (First Year)	X			
TBD			Optometry Students at Legislature (Second Year)		X		
March 23	March 27	Mon - Fri	Spring Break (Second - Fourth Years)		X	X	X
May 1		Fri	Last Day of Spring Classes and Clinics	X	X	X	X
May 1		Fri	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations	X	X	X	X
May 3	May 7	Sun - Thu	ARVO Annual Meeting* - Denver, CO				
May 4	May 8	Mon - Fri	Spring Final Exam Week	X	X	X	
May 11	May 31		Term Break (First Year)	X			
May 11	May 15	Mon - Sun	Term Break (Second - Third Years)		X	X	
May 11		Mon	Final Grades Due by Noon	X	X	X	X
May 7		Thu	Graduate Day & Awards Reception (Fourth Year)				X
May 8		Fri	Doctoral Convocation & Hooding Ceremony				X

SUMMER							
BEGIN DATE	END DATE	DAY(S)	EVENT	1Y	2Y	3Y	4Y
May 18		Mon	First Summer Session Begins (Second and Third Years)		X	X	
May 25		Mon	Memorial Day Holiday - UABSO Closed	X	X	X	
June 1		Mon	Summer Classes Begin (First Year)	X			
TBD			50% Tuition Payment Due	X	X	X	
June 19		Fri	Juneteenth Holiday - UABSO Closed	X	X	X	
June 26		Fri	First Summer Session Ends (Second and Third Years)		X	X	
June 29		Mon	Second Summer Session Begins (Second and Third Years)		X	X	
June 17	June 20	Wed - Sat	American Optometric Association Meeting* - Phoenix, AZ				
July 3		Fri	Independence Day Holiday (observed) - UABSO Closed	X	X	X	
TBD			Remaining Tuition Balance Due	X	X	X	
TBD			CEC Orientation (First Year)	X			
July 24		Fri	Summer Classes End (First Year)	X			
July 24		Fri	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations	X	X		
July 27	July 31	Mon - Fri	Summer Final Exam Week				
August 7		Fri	Second Summer Session Ends (Second and Third Years)		X	X	
August 10		Mon	Final Grades Due By Noon	X	X	X	

\* Clinic absence must be requested and made up.

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This calendar is subject to change depending on the needs of the program, unforeseen events, and unplanned occurrences.